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NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING**



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MANITOWOC-TWO RIVERS YMCA

November 20, 2020 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

It's the time of year that we carve out special time for gratitude (see what I did there? Carve out? Uh-oh, too much time with Randy). We give thanks for our blessings, remind one another of our gratitude for friendship and love, and eat regretful quantities of pie. It's a beautiful time.

We may have to dig deeper this year. There have been a lot of adjectives about the year that aren't appropriate for print and that don't come within ten miles of a "what I'm grateful for" list. But we're all going to try, because that is what we do. For all the talk of the Dumpster Fires, we have talked about Silver Linings. For all the disappointments, we have pointed out the opportunities to one another.

This morning, I heard a mom in the lobby express that her poor teenager was at her wit's end. She was empathetic, but she was also quick to share with her friend that this time has been such a blessing because what other teenager spends so much time with mom, dad and little brother? "When she is off to college in a couple of years, we're going to cherish this time." I can tell you that my husband and I have had this conversation verbatim—our daughter has built tremendous reserves of character during this time and she will be fine. Our family has had the precious gift of time together. I will eat my pie and miss my parents, uncles, aunts, cousins and siblings and choose to be grateful, at least, for that.

We can very much hope we're in the home stretch — if we all do what we can to keep one another healthy and if the vaccines are effective and scalable, this could be the final countdown of this dumpster fire. So, as you sit down to a smaller, more intimate table this year, what have been your silver linings?

Here at the Y, we are abundantly grateful for YOU, our members. Thank you for sticking with us, for taking care of each other, and for being a part of our Y family. On behalf of us all, I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!



YEAR-END GIVING

The CARES ACT allows taxpayers who don't itemize deductions to take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made in 2020 to qualifying organizations. For the purposes of this deduction, qualifying organizations are those that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary in purpose. The law changed in this area due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

The CARES Act also temporarily suspends limits on charitable contributions and temporarily increases limits on contributions of food inventory. Information about these changes is available [HERE](#) or by visiting IRS.GOV.

Consider a gift to the Y this holiday season. Please contact Noel Feider at 920-482-1521 or email nfeider@mtrymca.org to discuss ways to give to the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA. Donations can also be made online by visiting www.mtrymca.org or by clicking [HERE](#).

YOUTH GUIDELINES

We are thrilled to announce that we can now offer day passes to adults ages 18 and over. In addition, YMCA members ages 16 and up may use the Y at any time. For now, all children under the age of 16 will still need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

TURKEY TROT

CALLING ALL TROTTERS! There is still time to register for the Festival Foods Turkey Trot-Home Edition. Keep the tradition alive by doing the 5-mile run or 2-mile walk beginning from your destination of choice! In addition to helping out two great charities (Boys and Girls Club and YMCA), you'll receive a buff, a long-sleeve t-shirt and a FULL SIZE pumpkin pie! Sign up today at www.festivalfoodsturkeytrot.com!



WE'RE HIRING!

Now hiring for childcare (six weeks to five years old) and school-age child care (kindergarten through 5th grade). Visit the link below to apply. As an employee, you are eligible for a FREE family YMCA membership!
<http://www.mtrymca.org/employment>

NEW! MASKS ONLY AREA!

We understand your concerns. That is why we created this designated area for you to workout, knowing that everyone around you will also be **masked at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Treadmills, elliptical, and other machines have been moved into the Pitz Family Fun Center - your **NEW** designated masks-only workout area for members ages 16 and over. **OPENS NOV. 23**

PRIVATE CLASSES

Members are now able to **RESERVE** our Cycling and Harborview Studios to utilize the Fitness on Demand® software in their own small groups up to 48 hours in advance for **FREE!** Participation will be limited to those invited by the person who made the reservation. Make your reservation today with Membership Services in person or call 920.682.0341. Visit our website for more information, including a video showing how to use this new feature! <http://mtrymca.org/wellnessprograms>

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you've got a tennis ball loving pup at home we have the PERFECT gift idea for YOU! Right now you can get a gift-wrapped bag of tennis balls for **ONLY \$5!** Balls are recycled from the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA Tennis Center. The bag includes 10 tennis balls wrapped and tied with a bow. **Stop by the front desk to get your bag today!**

HOLIDAY HOURS

We will be **CLOSED Thanksgiving Day** and will be open from 5:00am to 6:00pm on Friday, November 27. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

BLACK FRIDAY

Know someone thinking about joining the Y? Tell them about our Black Friday Sale! When someone joins the Y and pays 12 months of membership fees in advance, the 13th month is **FREE!** As always, veterans receive a \$20 discount every month. **Must join at the Membership Services desk and pay in full on November 27 to qualify.*
Open from 5:00am to 6:00pm.

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